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National Intelligence Council

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NOTE FOR: Warning Working Group

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Attached is another cut at the DCID on
the National Warning System. It has been
reviewed and approved by the DDCI.



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National Intelligence Warning

(Effective Date)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive Order 12333, policies and procedures are herewith established for a National Intelligence Warning System.

1. Mission

The National Intelligence Warning System will advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) in the discharge of his duties and responsibilities with respect to warning intelligence and will be the central focal point for coordinating the warning activities of the Intelligence Community.

The Warning Mission includes those activities undertaken and the intelligence information produced by the Intelligence Community to avoid surprises to the President, the National Security Council, and the Armed Forces of the U.S. by foreign events of major importance to the security of the U.S. The highest priority task will be to provide warning of an attack on the U.S. or its Allies.

The Department of Defense has specific and unique responsibility for tactical warning, i.e., notification that an enemy has initiated hostilities. The dedicated tactical warning systems within the military command organization are independent of the National Warning System, but the two systems are mutually supportive.

¹This directive supersedes DCID No. 1/5, 23 May 1979

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2. Organization and Responsibilities

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) is assigned authority to oversee the activities of the National Intelligence Warning System with the advice and assistance of the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

The National Intelligence Officers will continue to be charged with substantive responsibility for warning in their respective areas. They will conduct Community-wide reviews at least monthly of situations which could require the issuance of warning and will keep the DCI and the National Intelligence Officer for Warning apprised of the results of the reviews.

The National Intelligence Officer for Warning shall be appointed by the DCI after consultation with the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency. As the focal point for warning in the Intelligence Community, his functions will include the following:

- a. to advise and assist the DCI, DDCI and Chairman, National Intelligence Council, on all matters pertaining to warning;
- b. to recommend to the DCI or DDCI the issuance of warning to the President and the National Security Council and to ensure the appropriate dissemination of such warning;
- c. to review the collection and analysis of intelligence from all sources for warning implications and to assess alternative judgments within the Intelligence Community;
- d. to promote research and training in methodologies and procedures for warning and to develop warning consciousness and discipline throughout the Intelligence Community.

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The Warning Working Group, chaired by the National Intelligence Officer for Warning and consisting of senior representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense and others as appropriate, will assist the National Intelligence Officer for Warning in carrying out his functions.

A National Warning Staff, with appropriate representation from the Intelligence Community, is established to support the National Intelligence Officer for Warning.

3. Intelligence Community Responsibilities

All Intelligence Community components have a responsibility for warning intelligence and for prompt alerting through established channels. Nothing in this directive is intended to inhibit the flow of warning information in any way.

Intelligence Community components will establish the appropriate structure and staffing to support the National Intelligence Warning System.

Intelligence Community components are assigned the following specific responsibilities:

- a. to provide representation and other support, as appropriate, to the National Warning Staff;
- b. on request by the National Intelligence Officer for Warning, to provide information, within established security safeguards, pertinent to the warning mission;
- c. to designate an officer with specific responsibility to support the National Intelligence Warning System.